

REMARKS

This application has been amended and is believed to be in condition for allowance.

Claims 1-10 were previously pending. These claims have been canceled and replaced with new claims 11-30. Claims 11, 12, and 22 are independent.

A replacement Abstract is provided.

The Official Action objected to the specification for not including section headings. Responsively, the specification has been amended to include section headings. The specification has also been amended as to form.

The Official Action objected to certain phraseology in the originally-filed claims. The objected-to phraseology has been omitted in the new claims.

The Official Action objected to claims 5-10 as being in improper form because a multiple dependent claim cannot depend from other multiple dependent claims. Responsively, the replacement claims have been drafted so as to avoid this objection.

The Official Action rejected claims 1-4 under §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite.

These claims have been redrafted so as to remedy the stated basis of rejection. Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejection is solicited.

Claim 1 stands rejected as anticipated by MORRISON et al. 4,059,953.

Applicant acknowledges with appreciation that the Official Action indicated that claims 2-4 would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the indefiniteness rejection and to include all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

In reliance thereupon, independent claim 22 is based on the recitations of claim 1 and allowable claim 2. As this claim is believed to be proper as to form, allowance of claim 22 and the claims depending therefrom is respectfully requested. The claims depending from claim 22 are also believed to be allowable in their own right as not all the recitations found therein are found in the prior art.

Further, independent claims 11 and 12 have been drafted so as to patentably recite the present invention. The present claims recite the inventive structure which provides an axially movable assembly, on which assembly are secured first and second axles (stem portions). Such a structure is not disclosed by MORRISON et al.

Further, the MORRISON et al. structure does not permit transmission of an axial movement from a first axle to a second, offset axle. See the final recitation of new independent claim 11.

Further, MORRISON et al. does not disclose permitting a first pinion on a first axle, a second pinion on a second axle, offset axle and a reverser for kinematically connecting the first and second pinions. See the next to the last recitation of independent claim 11 and the final recitation of independent claim 12.

As to MORRISON et al., the two pinions 204, 206 are provided on the same axle 196 and not on two respective axles as recited in independent claims 11-12.

In view of this, neither of claims 11 and 12 are believed to be anticipated by MORRISON et al. Nor are all the features recited by the dependent claims believed to be anticipated by MORRISON et al.

In view of this, reconsideration and withdrawal of the MORRISON et al. anticipation rejection are respectfully requested.

Applicant believes that the present application is in condition for allowance and an early indication of the same is respectfully requested.

Should there be any remaining formal matters, it is requested that the Examiner contact the undersigned attorney so that these can be quickly resolved.

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overpayment to Deposit Account No. 25-0120 for any additional
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APPENDIX:

The Appendix includes the following item:

- amended Abstract of the Disclosure